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P&G Case 7816

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: :
Todd Michael Wernicke, et al. : Confirmation No.: 3337
Serial No.: 09/830,251 : Group Art Unit: 1751
Filed: July 11, 2001 : Examiner: Charles I. Boyer

For **METHODS FOR LAUNDERING DELICATE GARMENTS IN A WASHING MACHINE**

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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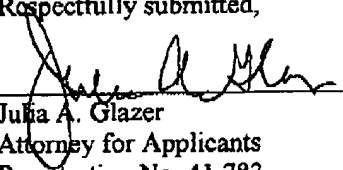
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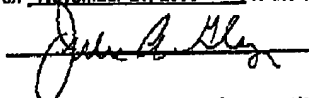
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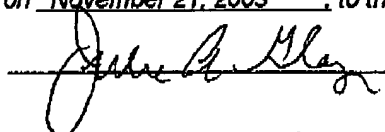
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